

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated October 3, 2005. Claims 1-31 and 33 are currently pending in the application. As indicated above, Claims 1, 13, 31, and 33 have been amended, and Claims 32 and 34-36 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Additionally, it is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has found allowable subject matter in Claims 32 and 34-36.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has again rejected Claims 1, 13, 29, 30, 31, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants' admitted prior art in view of *Hughes et al.* (U.S. 4,730,307), Claims 3-5, 9-12, 15-17, and 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants' admitted prior art and *Hughes* in view of *Scott et al.* (6,154,486), Claims 2 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants' admitted prior art and *Hughes*, and further in view of *Nakamura et al.* (U.S. 6,314,090), and Claims 6-8 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants' admitted prior art, *Hughes* and *Scott* in view of *Szczutkowski et al.* (U.S. 4,187,146).

As stated above, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 13, 31, and 33, the independent claims of the present application, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants' admitted prior art in view of *Hughes*. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that applicants' admitted prior art discloses all the elements of Claims 1, 13, 31, and 33, except for intermittently transmitting a preamble signal during a preamble interval prior to a transmission interval of a reverse access channel message, which is allegedly disclosed in *Hughes*.

However, as indicated above, independent Claims 1, 13, 31, and 33 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claims 32 and 34-36, respectively. Therefore, it is

respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 13, 31, and 33 are in condition for allowance.

Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-12 and 14-30, they are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on Claims 1 and 13, respectively. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-12 and 14-30 are respectfully requested.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-31 and 33, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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